

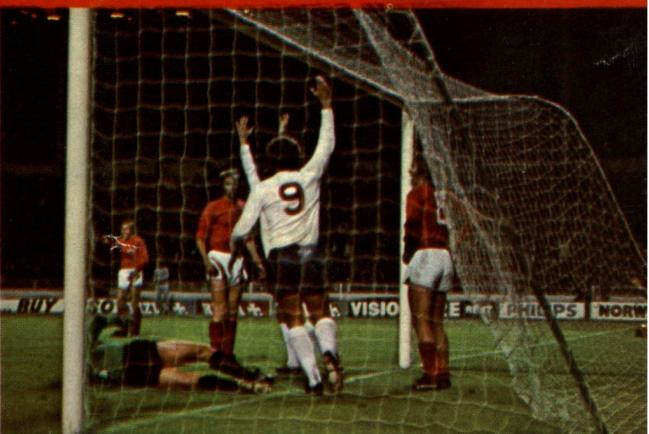
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THE F.I.F.A. WORLD CUP



(QUALIFYING ROUND — GROUP V)



ENGLAND v POLAND



WEDNESDAY, 17th OCTOBER 1973 · Kick-off 7.45 p.m.

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WEMBLEY

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England v Poland

THE F.I.F.A. WORLD CUP (Qualifying Round Group V)

Timetable and Programme of Music

6.45 pm-7.35 pm

The Band of the Grenadier Guards

Director of Music: Major P. Parkes, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., psm.

The Band of the Scots Guards

Director of Music: Major J. H. Howe, M.B.E., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., psm.

Senior Director of Music, Household Division

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1.	"Paint Your Wagon"	arr. Sharpe
2.	"Oliver"	Bart
3.	"Cabaret"	Kander
4.	"Spirit of Pageantry"	Fletcher
5.	"Nights of Gladness"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Ancliffe
6.	"Polonaise"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Chopin
7.	"Cole Porter Melodies"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	arr. Duthoit
8.	"Best of the Seekers"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	arr. Sharpe

7.35 pm

Presentation of the Teams to

SIR STANLEY ROUS, C.B.E.

President Fédération internationale de Football Association

THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS

7.45 pm

KICK-OFF

8.30 pm

HALF-TIME MARCHING DISPLAY BY THE COMBINED BANDS OF THE GRENADIER AND SCOTS GUARDS

9.25 pm

END OF MATCH

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

WITAMY NA WEMBLEY !

W imieniu Związku Piłki Nożnej Anglii z wielką przyjemnością witam Polska Drużynę Piłki Nożnej oraz osoby towarzyszące na Stadionie Wembley przed meczem kwalifikacyjnym do Mistrzostw Świata, które nasze drużyny na chwilę rozegrają.

Polska posiada dużo dobrych i utalentowanych piłkarzy i jesteśmy pewni, że dzisiejszy mecz dostarczy wiele emocji oraz pokażemy piękną sportową walkę.

W czerwcu ubiegłego roku w spotkaniu Anglia-Polska w Chorzowie zwycięstwo przypadło Polsce. Dzisiaj na Stadionie Wembley będziemy świadkami następnej wspaniałej gry—i niech lepsi zwyciężą !

ENGLAND

**"THE OLD WAR HORSE, ETERNALLY
RESPONDING TO THE TRUMPETS"**

**Brian Glanville (Author of the "Sunday Times History of the World Cup")
says . . . THE CONTINENT WANTS TO SEE US!**

"SPORT," wrote George Orwell, after the 1945 tour of Britain by Moscow Dynamo, "is an unfailing cause of ill will." Let us piously and fervently hope that this evening's vital and decisive game will prove him wrong; and let us repeat the noun: *game*. It is very important indeed for both countries that they should qualify for the finals of the World Cup, Poland for the first time since 1938, England for the seventh time in succession. Yet football is, and should remain, a game, not an ersatz test of national status, nor yet a squalid physical conflict.



**SIR ALF RAMSEY
—on to Munich?**

so than the English team, whom they defeated 4–1. Those were the sort of skills later to be realised in such players as Lubanski, Deyna, Gadocha, and their distinguished predecessor, the powerful Ernst Pohl, an inside-forward I always much admired. Strange that the only goal I can remember in the 8–1 thrashing of Gornik by Spurs in a European Cup tie at White Hart Lane was Pohl's; a mighty right footed volley.

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It would be dishonest to pretend that what has so far gone on in this qualifying group has reflected much credit on the game of football, inevitable that the shadow of what has occurred should brood over the present match. Yet I for one hope and believe that we shall see what is essentially a good game of football, despite the tensions, the extraneous importance of it all. Poland, even without Lubanski, can play with skill and imagination, England has footballers of outstanding quality. To say that the result is all that matters would not only be cynical, it would ultimately be self-destructive in terms of the sport itself.

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When one thinks of Wembley, and its fifty year tradition of international matches, one thinks of the Wembley Wizards, of the 1953 Hungarians, of teams which came here and prevailed by sheer virtuosity in matches of outstanding quality.

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It is strange to think that this is only Poland's second visit to England, the first being in the 1966 World Cup season, when they forced a 1–1 draw at Liverpool. Yet there was a clever Polish team playing in England just after the war. They consisted of Polish servicemen, they called themselves the Carpathians, and I remember cycling from school on a freezing afternoon to see them thrash Guildford City. Very skilled and poised they looked on that slippery pitch, immensely more

far beyond this island were England not to qualify. Often and often the Europeans and the South Americans criticise British football. We are too monotonous, too unimaginative, too predictable, too prone to rely on strength. Yet at the same time they admire tremendously the power, consistency and resilience of the English game. Scotland have gone through, which is a heartening thing. One congratulates them

and hopes they will do well, expressing this time the tremendous talent of their players. Yet the Continent wants to see England, wants to see the renewal of those wonderful games with the Brazilians, of those vibrant duels with the West Germans. What would the last World Cup have been without England's matches against these two?

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It has become fashionable, and characteristically English, to say that we would never have won the World Cup of 1966, had it not been played here. Perhaps; perhaps not. The fact remains that very few countries have England's record of consistency in reaching the World Cup Finals; not a single failure since we first took part, in the 1950 competition. Holland haven't been in the Finals since 1938, for all their recent successes at club level. Italy were knocked out by Northern Ireland in 1958. Portugal have competed only once.

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The England team of 1970, though it may have gone out in the quarter-finals, was by general consent the second best in the competition, and put up an immeasurably finer display against Brazil than the Italians. Even that 1950 team, beaten and humiliated by the United States at Belo Horizonte, was in fact a most distinguished one, able to call upon such stars as Finney, Matthews, Mortensen and Mannion; not to mention Alf Ramsey.

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Should Poland get the point, or points, they need tonight, and qualify for the Finals, we must congratulate them. But for all their victory there last year in the Olympic football tournament, it cannot be pretended that they would be anything but remote outsiders. England, almost *ex officio*, would be among the favourites, the old war horse, eternally responding to the trumpets. As they doubtless will, tonight.

Cover Pictures: England hit the jackpot against Austria at Wembley last month scoring seven times without reply. The top pictures show England's first goal scored by Mike Channon in the tenth minute. The lower pictures on the cover depict England's second goal, notched by Allan Clarke in the 28th minute. Both these players added a second goal apiece. Martin Chivers, Tony Currie, and Colin Bell completed the 7-goal spree.



MIKE CHANNON
(Southampton)

ENGLAND PLAYERS . . .

RAY CLEMENCE (Liverpool)

Won League and UEFA Cup medals with Liverpool last season. Twice capped for England, he was something of a late developer, working as a deckchair attendant on the beach before turning professional with Scunthorpe United, from whom Liverpool signed him. A goalkeeper of great skill, elasticity and fine anticipation, with a long, left footed kick.

PHIL PARKES (Queen's Park Rangers)

A 'big' man in every sense of the word. Height 6 ft. 2½ in. and weighs 14 stone! Signed by Rangers from Walsall in 1970, has made five Under-23 appearances. Added to Sir Alf Ramsey's squad following last month's Austrian international.

PETER SHILTON Goalkeeper (Leicester City)

Has succeeded Gordon Banks, his mentor, first in the Leicester City and now in the England goal. He was born in Leicester, joined the club for school, and is celebrated for his dedication. Powerful yet agile, he had a marvellous summer tour with England. Already has 14 caps.

EMLYN HUGHES (Liverpool)

Another to win UEFA Cup and Championship medals with Liverpool last season; usually left-back for England, left-half with his club, though it is his right foot which scores the long range goals. Son of a famous Welsh international Rugby League player, he developed with Blackpool, cost Liverpool £65,000 when it was still a lot of money. Has 27 caps.

NORMAN HUNTER (Leeds United)

Became the bride rather than the eternal bridesmaid in England's recent game against Austria when he was preferred to Bobby Moore. A left-half born in the North East, famous for his left foot and his tackling, a leading figure in the many Leeds United successes of recent years. 24 caps for England; appeared in the 1970 World Cup.

PAUL MADELEY (Leeds United)

Right-back; or almost anywhere else you can name. He has also played for England in midfield and was known at first at Leeds, his only club, as a centre-half. Strongly built, a fast runner; who likes to overlap, he has won many honours with Leeds. 14 caps.

ROY MCFARLAND (Derby County)

Centre-half; a strong, mobile player with a fine left foot, and a knack of heading goals from set pieces. Liverpool born, signed and developed by Tranmere Rovers, bought by Brian Clough for Derby, with whom he proceeded to win 1st and 2nd Division medals. 20 caps.

BOBBY MOORE (West Ham United)

Left-half, holder of a record 107 caps for England. The first came against Peru in Lima in May, 1962, just before he played in the first of his three World Cups. He captained England to success in the 1966 one, and was himself voted Player of the Tournament. Born in East London, he joined West Ham from school, first playing as a centre-half.

DAVID NISH (Derby County)

Left-back. A £225,000 transfer from Leicester City, his local club, early last season. An enterprising, skilful player who loves to attack, and even to score goals; like Hughes, with his right foot. Capped against Northern Ireland at Everton, last May.

COLIN TODD (Derby County)

Defensive wing-half, thought by many to be the logical heir to Bobby Moore. Only cap so far, however, was awarded as a right-back here against Northern Ireland a couple of seasons ago. A North Easterner who made his name with Sunderland and thence moved to Derby. Helped them to win the First Division Championship.

DAVE WATSON (Sunderland)

Uncapped yet; a new figure in the England party but already well known at Wembley for his splendid performance in the 1973 Final. Born in Nottingham, 26 years old, and bought by Sunderland for £100,000, he has also played successfully at centre-forward. It's at centre-half, of course, that he won his way into the international party.

... ON DUTY TONIGHT

COLIN BELL (Manchester City)

A tireless midfield inside-forward who can also score goals; he scored and made one against Austria last month. From the North East, but discovered and developed by Bury, who sold him to Manchester City. At Maine Road has won a shoal of honours. Played in the 1970 World Cup; two years after his international debut. 30 caps.



TREVOR BROOKING (West Ham United)

Inside-left; a tall, well built, skilful player, developed by West Ham, called up for the England party on the occasion of the match against Austria. Six feet tall, 12 stone 10 lb., born in Barking, an Under-23 cap.

TONY CURRIE (Sheffield United)

Blond inside-forward of great versatility, in the tradition of the Dohertys and Carters; he can scheme or score. Debut here against Northern Ireland two seasons ago, but really affirmed himself with a fine display against Russia in Moscow last summer. Though he plays for a Yorkshire club he was born in Edgware, brought up in Cricklewood, turned down by QPR and Chelsea, turned pro with Watford. 4 caps.

MARTIN PETERS (Tottenham Hotspur)

Midfield, originally a right-half, first capped in that position here against Yugoslavia in May, 1966. Played with distinction as "false" left winger in the World Cup, scoring against West Germany in the Final with typical opportunism. A West Ham United product, he joined Spurs for more than £200,000. Among his many other goals was the one which beat Scotland here last May. 63 caps.

PETER STOREY (Arsenal)

Began as a right-back, both with Arsenal and with England, but has played primarily for both in midfield. A very hard tackler, he has won Cup and League medals with Arsenal, his only club, and 19 caps for England. Scores some vital and unexpected goals.

MIKE CHANNON (Southampton)

Inside-right; a striker. Two goals against the Austrians prove as much. Made an excellent debut here last season against Yugoslavia. A beautiful mover with a fine right foot, good in the air, he is a country man from Wiltshire, Southampton his only major club. Keeps horses. 9 caps.

MARTIN CHIVERS (Tottenham Hotspur)

Centre-forward. Fought his way back from the appalling knee injury he suffered soon after joining Spurs for £125,000 from his native Southampton. Superbly built, highly skilled, with a tremendous throw. Excellent international debut here against Scotland in May, 1971. 23 caps now.

ALLAN CLARKE (Leeds United)

Scored two cracking goals here against Austria. Wembley is a happy hunting ground for him. He was excellent here in one Cup Final for Leicester City, won another, against Arsenal, for Leeds United. Has twice been the most expensive player in Britain, when sold by Fulham and Leicester respectively. Started with Walsall, near his birthplace at Willenhall. One of a footballing family. 14 caps.

KEVIN HECTOR (Derby County)

Not yet capped but in the party against Austria. An inside-left who likes going on to the right wing, he was born in Leeds but began with Bradford, and it was Derby who got him, for £40,000. A formidable goalscorer in League football, winner of Second and First Division Championship medals.

KEVIN KEEGAN (Liverpool)

Like Clemence, a late developer who made his name with Scunthorpe United. Coventry turned him down, and he returned to his native Doncaster. Bill Shankly, who signed him for Liverpool, says he makes the same difference to the team as a lump of sugar does to a cup of tea. Won a Championship and an UEFA Cup medal, last season. An outside-right of great pace, enterprise and a flair for scoring unexpected goals. Twice capped.

PETER OSGOOD (Chelsea)

Centre-forward, equally good in midfield or up front, where he has scored so many remarkable goals. Born in Windsor and a slightly late developer, he went to Chelsea at 17, has helped them to win the Cup and the European Cupwinners' Cup. Was in the 1970 England World Cup squad. 3 caps.

This is only the fourth time that these two countries have met at full level. Each country has had one win and a draw. The first game was at Goodison Park, Everton in January 1966 and ended in a 1–1 draw. England won in Poland 1–0 in July 1966 and lost there 2–0 last June in the World Cup qualifying match. There have also been three encounters for the respective Under-23 teams, England winning all three; at Sheffield in September 1958 by 4–1, at Warsaw in May 1960 3–2 and in June 1972 at the same venue 3–0.



Poland's first international was against Hungary in December 1921 in Budapest. Hungary won 1–0. In May of the following year a return game was played in Krakow and the Hungarians won again 3–0. But

POLAND ARE CURRENT OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS

Ernest Pohl of Gornik Zabrze scored 40 goals in 49 appearances for Poland in an international career which covered 16 years and he played against 22 different countries. Pohl hit 186 goals for the club and was top League scorer in 1959 with 21 goals and in 1961 with 24.



Both Pohl's scoring record in internationals and Brychczy's number of caps have been overhauled in the past year or so by Włodzimierz Lubanski who was leading marksman five times in 1966 to 1969 inclusive with 23, 18, 24 and 22 goals respectively and again in 1972 with 14 goals. Injured against England last June he will have to sit this match out in the stands.



ENGLAND v POLAND : FULL MATCH RECORD

Date	Venue	Result
September 1958	Sheffield	England Under-23 4 Poland Under-23 1
May 1960	Warsaw	Poland Under-23 2 England Under-23 3
January 1966	Everton	England 1 Poland 1
July 1966	Chorzow	Poland 0 England 1
June 1972	Warsaw	Poland Under-23 0 England Under-23 3
June 1973	Chorzow	Poland 2 England 0

soon after Poland had their initial success at the third attempt beating Sweden 2–1 in Stockholm.



Entry into the 1924 Olympics provided Poland with their first competitive international fixture and it was in the 1936 tournament of the same competition that the Poles achieved their first moment of triumph reaching the semi-final. And, in 1972, they took the Gold Medal at the Munich Olympics.



Poland qualified for the 1938 World Cup finals and were beaten 6–5 by Brazil. Outstanding in the team during this era were the half backs Wilhelm Gora, Erwin Nyc and Ewald Dytko. In attack Ernest Wilimowski who won 22 caps was the scorer of four goals against the Brazilians. Later he played eight times for Germany and scored 13 goals! Poland's most capped player between the wars was Jozef Kotlarczyk II who won 34 caps.



In the more recent post-war period the most capped player has been Lucjan Brychczy, an Army officer with Legia Warsaw. He made 60 international appearances for his country and scored 18 goals. He was top League scorer three times: in 1957 with 19 goals, in 1964 with 18 goals and in 1965 with 20. He made well over 500 appearances for his club and scored 179 goals.

And while on the subject of international appearances the list of players who have won 100 or more for their countries stands at present as follows: 110 caps Pele (Brazil); 107 Bobby Moore (England); 106 Bobby Charlton (England); 105 Billy Wright (England); 104 Thorbjørn Svenssen (Norway); 104 Leonel Sanchez (Chile); 101 Djalma Santos (Brazil); 100 Gylmar (Brazil); 100 József Bozsik (Hungary).



Gornik Zabrze the miners' team from Silesia are the most successful club in Polish history with 10 championship wins and six cup successes. And they were runners-up to Manchester City in the 1970 Cup Winners Cup, the best performance by a Polish club in Europe.



Last season the winners of the 14 club Polish League championship were Stal Mielec who recorded their first such title. Their leading scorer was the top marksman in the League Grzegorz Lato with 13 goals. This season the First Division has been increased to 16 clubs.



Kazimierz Gorski the Poland team manager is a former international player himself as is his assistant Jacek Gmoch who as a defender played against England twice in 1966.

JACK ROLLIN

WEMBLEY'S SCOREBOARD SPELLS IT OUT!

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10th minute - MIKE CHANNON

AND
HERE ARE
THE
GOALS !



28th minute - ALLAN CLARKE



43rd minute - ALLAN CLARKE



Left: 47th minute -
MIKE CHANNON



Right: 60th minute -
MARTIN CHIVERS



Left: 65th minute -
TONY CURRIE



Right: 87th minute
COLIN BELL

PLAYED AT WEMBLEY STADIUM, WEDNESDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER, 1973

Pictures by courtesy London Evening Standard



ENGLAND



(Colours: White Shirts, Dark Blue Shorts)

GOALKEEPERS R. CLEMENCE (Liverpool)
..... P. PARKES (Queen's Park Rangers)
..... P. SHILTON (Leicester City)

DEFENDERS E. HUGHES (Liverpool)
..... N. HUNTER (Leeds United)
..... P. MADELEY (Leeds United)
..... R. McFARLAND (Derby County)
..... R. MOORE (West Ham United)
..... D. NISH (Derby County)
..... C. TODD (Derby County)
..... D. WATSON (Sunderland)

MIDFIELD C. BELL (Manchester City)
..... T. BROOKING (West Ham United)
..... A. CURRIE (Sheffield United)
..... M. PETERS (Tottenham Hotspur)
..... P. STOREY (Arsenal)

FORWARDS M. CHANNON (Southampton)
..... M. CHIVERS (Tottenham Hotspur)
..... A. CLARKE (Leeds United)
..... K. HECTOR (Derby County)
..... K. KEEGAN (Liverpool)
..... P. OSGOOD (Chelsea)

Manager: SIR ALFRED RAMSEY

Trainer: Mr. H. Shepherdson

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(Belgium)

LINESMEN

P. WOUTERS
(Belgium)
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J. PEETERS
(Belgium)
Flame Flag

SUBSTITUTES: Two substitutes, by both teams, for any reason will be permitted at any time during the match.

TEAM NUMBERING: Teams and numbering will be displayed on the scoreboard and announced over the public address system before the game and during the interval.

F.I.F.A. WORLD CUP

GROUP FIVE

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Poland	3	2	0	1	5	2	4
ENGLAND	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Wales	4	1	1	2	3	5	3

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GOALKEEPERS Z. KALINOWSKI (Slask Wroclaw)
..... M. SZEJA (Zaglebie Walbrzych)
..... J. TOMASZEWSKI (LKS Lodz)

DEFENDERS M. BULZACKI (LKS Lodz)
..... J. GORGON (Gornik Zabrze)
..... Z. GUT (Odra Opole)
..... A. MUSIAL (Wisla Krakow)
..... M. OSTAFINSKI (Ruch Chorzow)
..... K. RZESNY (Stal Mielec)
..... A. SZYMANOWSKI (Wisla Krakow)

MIDFIELD L. CMIKIEWICZ (Legia Warsaw)
..... K. DEYNA (Legia Warsaw)
..... H. KASPERCZAK (Stal Mielec)
..... Z. MASZCZYK (Ruch Chorzow)

FORWARDS R. CHOJNACKI (Polonia Bytom)
..... J. DOMARSKI (Stal Mielec)
..... R. GADOCKA (Legia Warsaw)
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..... K. KMIECIK (Wisla Krakow)
..... G. LATO (Stal Mielec)
..... J. MARX (Ruch Chorzow)
..... A. SZARMACH (Gornik Zabrze)

Manager: KAZIMIERZ GORSKI

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A POINT AWAY FROM THEIR FIRST WORLD CUP FINAL FOR 35 YEARS

POLAND'S FOUR KEY PLAYERS !

JERZY GORGON
One of the big four

by Jack Rollin

THIS match is just as vital to Poland as it is to England. Perhaps it is even more important to them. Because after being drawn in a group with England, the Poles certainly did not start favourites. But here they are just a point away from Munich with their first real opportunity of reaching the World Cup finals for 35 years.

Their task is formidable and they will need to draw upon all their resources both tangible and emotional to achieve their ambitions. They may have learned the lesson of Cardiff when they made an incredibly poor start to the opening match in the group and were beaten 2-0 by Wales; defeat being accomplished almost before they went into action in the draining of nervous energy.

With the backing of 100,000 plus crowds in Chorzow, the Poles have hauled themselves back into the reckoning after beating England 2-0 and Wales 3-0, revealing at the same time an aggressive approach to their task which ensures they will not surrender their challenge easily. But this time, there will be a different set of partisans in the audience.

ALL SQUARE

MOREOVER, they will not be in the position of having any previous experience of playing at Wembley in competition. Their only previous visit to England at this level was at Goodison Park, Everton in January 1966 when they drew 1-1. A repetition of this score would be enough for them of course tonight. Six months later, in Chorzow, England beat Poland 1-0 on their successful pre-World Cup overseas tour and went on to win the World Cup. So after three meetings it is all square.

Poland can draw some comfort from the fact that in the seventeen matches played by Continental teams at the Empire Stadium since the World Cup Final success in 1966, although only one country has succeeded in winning when the Germans gained ample revenge with a 3-1 European Championship win, seven others have managed to draw.

But speculation is one thing, cold hard facts another. Yet ever practical, the Poles have been preparing for this match with England with a welter of away fixtures. Their tour in the summer took them to the North American Continent and has since then also embraced Bulgaria and more recently Holland, too.

The effect of these matches has been to provide as many candidates for places in the team as possible with the opportunity of showing form outside native confines and also enable the squad to prepare itself for regular matches in unfamiliar surroundings.

In terms of results, the tour was quite successful, though the purpose of the whole was greater than any individual item. In North America they won five out of six games, losing to the USA 1-0; a reverse with which England can sympathise recalling the World Cup defeat in Belo Horizonte 23 years ago. Poland's successes were against Canada 3-1, Mexico 1-0 and 2-1, and the USA 1-0 and 4-0. Then in Varna they defeated Bulgaria 2-0, by far their most impressive performance. And last week they drew 1-1 in Holland.

In fact, since carrying off the Gold Medal in the Olympic Games in Munich last year beating Hungary 2-1 in the final, the Poles have been hoping that history would repeat itself. For it was back in 1936 at the Olympics in Germany, too, that they reached the semi-final. On their way they beat Hungary 3-0 and Great Britain 5-4 in a nine goal thriller. And, two years later, clinched a place in the World Cup finals for the first time in their history.

Although once in the finals they were knocked out in the first round, it was not before another memorable encounter this time with Brazil in Strasbourg. The match was a personal triumph for Ernest Wilimowski who scored four of Poland's goals—but they lost 6-5 after extra time.

ABSENT STAR

Wilimowski was the pre-war hero, but the leading player over the last decade has been WŁODZIMIERZ LUBANSKI who has won a record of more than 60 caps and scored nearly 50 goals. But Lubanski was injured after scoring Poland's second goal against England and has been ruled out ever since.

Without him, the attack will certainly be weaker but Kazimierz Gorski, the national team manager, will be looking chiefly to four players to draw not only their inspiration but certainly a division of the spoils too, against England.

First, there is 6 ft. 3 in. goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski, who has played in all the World Cup games so far; second, big blond centre back Jerzy Gorgon just an inch shorter than his goalkeeper; third, midfield player Kazimierz Deyna and fourth, striker Grzegorz Lato. It is upon Deyna that the responsibility of gaining control in the middle of the park will lie and last season's top League marksman Lato will need to be on the alert for any half chance.

And Poland's hopes could rest solely on nothing less than first rate performances from this quartet.



**ROBERT
GADOCHA**

MEET THE POLISH STARS

JAN TOMASZEWSKI

Tall goalkeeper (6 ft. 3 in.) first capped v West Germany in October 1971. Aged 25 he plays for LKS Lodz. Regular choice for Poland he now has 13 caps.

ZYGMUNT KALINOWSKI

Twenty-four year old reserve goalkeeper capped as substitute v Holland last week. An Under-23 international he played v England last year. Plays with Slask Wroclaw.

MARIAN SZEJA

First capped in goal against Finland in 1965 appeared twice v England the next year. He has 15 caps now. Thirty-two year old with Zagłębie Lubin he is 6 ft. 1 in.

ANTONI SZYMANOWSKI

Twenty-two year old right back who uses his height well. Was in the Olympic squad and has now taken his international appearances to 26. With Wisla Krakow.

ADAM MUSIAL

Left back with good sense of positional play. Won his first cap v East Germany in 1968 and has now appeared in 22 internationals. Also with Wisla Krakow. Is 24.

JERZY GORGON

Big blond centre back of Gornik Zabrze who stands 6 ft. 2 in. First cap in 1970, regular in the Olympic squad and still only 24. Has 30 full appearances.

MIROSŁAW BULZACKI

Centre back of LKS Lodz aged 22 he is another lofty defender who stands 6 ft. 1 in. Has come into the international reckoning recently. Has 12 caps.

ZBIGNIEW GUT

Right back of Odra Opole who favours the overlapping style. Was in the Olympic Squad and was initially capped in August 1972. Has now won seven caps. Aged 24.

MARIAN OSTAFINSKI

Twenty-six year old defender who is with the Ruch Chorzow club. Was given his first international outing in 1971 and now has won eight honours.

KRZYSZTOF RZESNY

Made his first appearance in the match v England at Chorzow. Aged 27 he is the right back of Stal Mielec the current champions. Now has five caps.

LESLAW CMIKIEWICZ

Defensive midfield player usually in front of the back four. Hard tackler. First honoured against Hungary 1970. Legia Warsaw player. Aged 25, 29 caps.

KAZIMIERZ DEYNA

Midfield player with goal flair, too. Legia Warsaw schemer and Player of the Year in Poland. At 26 has 48 caps. Scored both goals in 1972 Olympic Final.

HENRYK KASPERCZAK

Twenty-seven year old Stal Mielec midfield player who was given his first international appearance in March last against the USA. Has 13 caps.

ZYGMUNT MASZCZYK

Left midfield player usually with Ruch Chorzow. Aged 28 he won his first honour against Turkey in 1968. Has now made 15 full international outings.

TONIGHT'S VISITORS FACE THE CAMERA



These are the eleven Polish players who routed Wales 3-0 in a World Cup Qualifying Match at Chorzow last month. Last Wednesday the Polish side drew 1-1, in a friendly, with Holland in Rotterdam.

GRZEGORZ LATO

Leading League scorer in Poland last term with 13 goals. Eight caps and appeared v England Under-23's last year. Plays for Stal Mielec. Aged 23.

JAN DOMARSKI

Made his first international outing as substitute for the injured Lubanski against England. Stal Mielec striker he is 27 years old and has eight caps.

ANDRZEJ SZARMACH

Promising forward with Gornik Zabrze who can play midfield or as a striker. Twenty-three earlier this month and has won five caps for his country.

ROBERT GADOCKA

Left winger with a fine shot. Plays for Legia Warsaw and at 27 has won 45 full caps. Was a member of the Olympic Games team last year as well.

KAZIMIERZ KMIECICKI

Twenty-two year old striker with Wisla Krakow who played for the Under-23's v England. Quick mover who has eight full international appearances.

ROMUALD CHOJNACKI

Uncapped winger with Polonia Bytom who did well in a recent friendly against the German club MSV Duisburg, scoring twice. Is only 22 years old.

JOACHIM MARX

Twenty-nine year old striker with Ruch Chorzow. Has made 20 appearances for his country but has not been on the roster since a year ago now.

ZDZISLAW KAPKA

Youngest member of the party and is only 19 years old. Plays for Wisla Krakow and had a good game against Duisburg in the friendly. Uncapped as yet.

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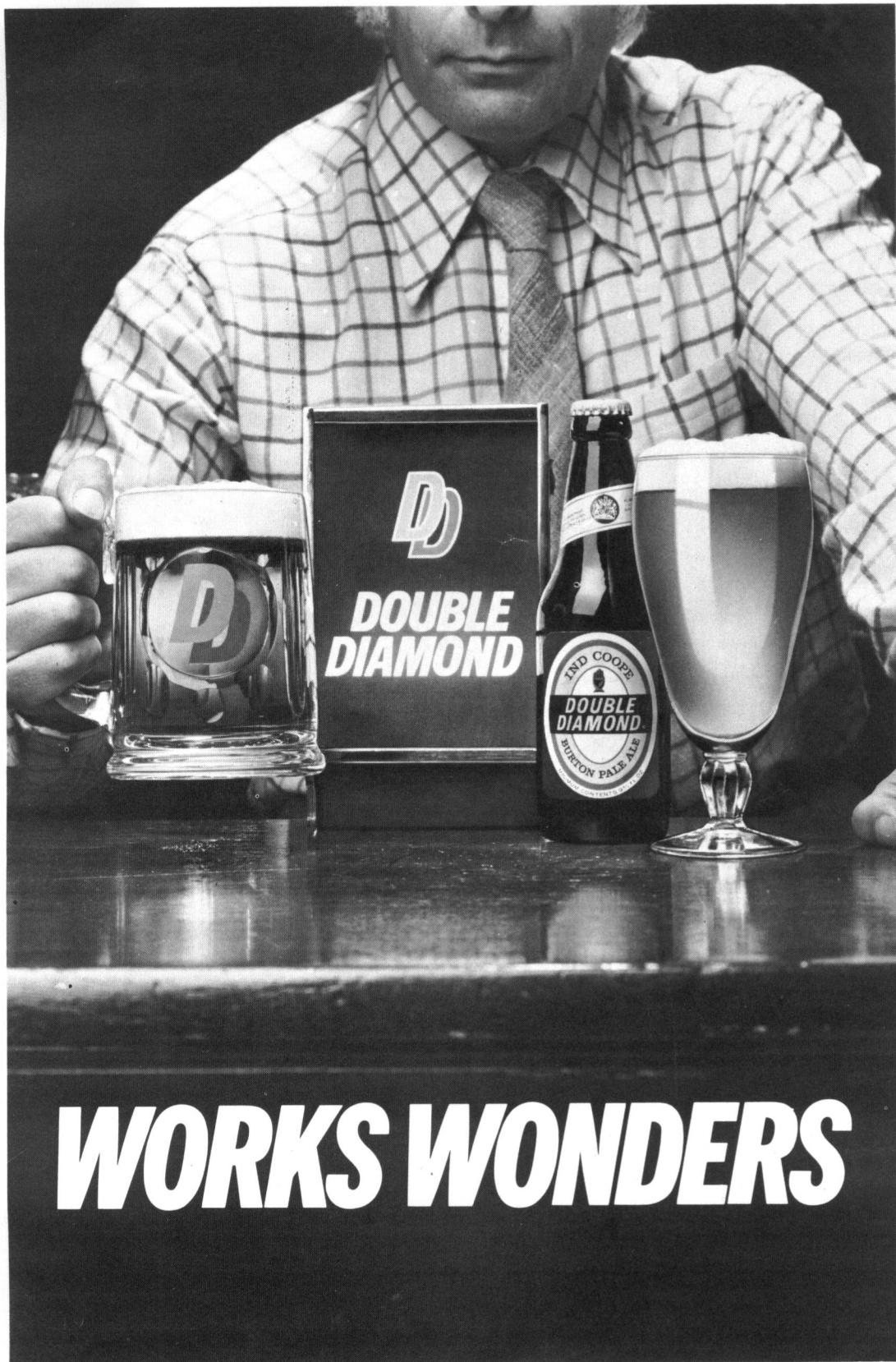
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